

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
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Application Number: To be Assigned )  
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Filed: Concurrently herewith )  
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For: SYSTEM FOR READING IMAGE INFORMATION )

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to remove multiple dependencies contained therein in accordance with standard U.S. practice, thereby reducing the basic filing fee. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute the claims currently on file with the following amended claims:

5. (Amended) The system for reading image information according to Claim 1, wherein the image information stored in said recording means can be recorded in a recording medium such as a server system.

Please add the following new claims:

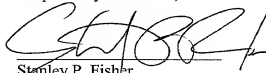
8. The system for reading image information according to Claim 2, wherein the image information stored in said recording means can be recorded in a recording medium such as a server system.
9. The system for reading image information according to Claim 3, wherein the image information stored in said recording means can be recorded in a recording medium such as a server system.
10. The system for reading image information according to Claim 4, wherein the image information stored in said recording means can be recorded in a recording medium such as a server system.

**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended claim 5 and added claims 8, 9 and 10. Applicant has amended the claims in order to remove multiple dependencies contained therein in accordance with standard U.S. practice, thereby reducing the basic filing fee. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

In view of the above amendments and Applicant's comments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

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### Marked Up Version of the Claims

5. The system for reading image information according to Claims 1 through 4, wherein the image information stored in said recording means can be recorded in a recording medium such as a server system.